

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

THE PROGRAMME OF FESTIVITIES AT THE BALTIMORE REUNION.

Arrangements for the Reception and Entertainment of the Delegates and Visitors. The Distinguished Guests—The Blue and the Gray in the Grand Parade.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

BALTIMORE, June 15.—While the popular interest that attaches to the coming military display incident to the Grand Army National Encampment will attract thousands of visitors from all over the country, yet this is the least important result that will be attained through the medium of the coming demonstration. The reunion of ex-soldiers of both armies, serving as it will to more effectually cement in bonds of friendship the people of the North and South, will be hailed with universal delight and cannot but be regarded as an important epoch in the history of the Nation. For the first time since the close of the war, upon the occasion of a National Encampment of the Grand Army, the soldiers of ex-confederate commands will meet them in friendly intercourse, and the "blue" and the "gray"—the veterans of many a hard fought battle—will march side by side under the glorious old flag. The significance of such a gathering is apparent to all, and it is clearly evident that in the selection of a southern city for the coming Encampment the last National Encampment displayed admirable wisdom. That Baltimoreans fully appreciate the compliment of having this been honored, is already manifested in a hundred ways. The municipal government, as previously noticed in these columns, appropriated a liberal sum of money for the entertainment of distinguished guests; representative citizens, many of them ex-confederate soldiers—both rank and file—united with the members of the Grand Army in raising funds and planning a programme of festivities that will be creditable to the city, and demonstrate to the visitors that Maryland hospitality means something more than empty phrases. Not only has ample provision been made for ensuring to each visitor a thoroughly enjoyable time, but preparations have been made for the reception of the President of the United States, members of the Cabinet, distinguished Senators and Representatives in Congress, all of whom will be the personal guests of our leading citizens. It will be made apparent to the visitors very soon after their arrival that the banners at the railway depots which will greet them with the word "Welcome" have been appropriately inscribed. All that has been found possible to provide for during the three days sojourn of the visitors has been done and no more perfectly planned programme has ever been arranged for the reception of any body of guests in Baltimore.

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

I have already alluded to the fact that the assembling of the Grand Army will bring together representative men from every section of the country—North, South, East, and West. The most famous of our Union leaders will be here—men whose names are identified with the history of the great Republic they helped to preserve. Distinguished men from the Southern army will be seen marching again under the national colors. Men eminent in the arts and sciences, business and finance, will be among the city's guests; the Chief Magistrate of the Nation, distinguished Cabinet officers, and Congressmen will witness the grand Reunion, and in every sense the gathering will be a representative one. Several military organizations widely known for their perfection in drill and discipline will be among the attractive features, and for the first time in the history of the Grand Army organization the various posts will all or nearly all parade in the uniform of the Order.

THE RUSH OF VISITORS.

Before this reaches the eye of the readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE our hotels will be thronged with guests. The demand for quarters is already in excess of the accommodations in that respect, and private houses will be necessarily utilized for visitors. While of course it is to be expected that the crush will be tremendous, yet such is the complete character of the arrangements that visitors can safely count upon realizing the maximum quantity of enjoyment coupled with the minimum amount of misery incident to such great gatherings.

THE GRAND PARADE.

The feature of greatest popular interest will of course be the grand parade which takes place on the first day of the Encampment—Wednesday, the 21st. The badges worn will consist of a handsome medal of white metal representing on one side the Battle Monument and on the other the Grand Army emblem. The procession will form on Broadway, probably at 9:30, and will be reviewed by the President of the United States, General George S. Merrill, Commander-in-Chief G. A. R., and other distinguished personages. In this connection Colonel Graham Dukehart, Department Commander, has issued the following:

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MARYLAND,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

BALTIMORE, June 6, 1882.

General Orders No. 6:

- On the 21st of June, 1882, the military and Grand Army Posts visiting Baltimore on the occasion of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be received on their arrival, and a parade made through some of the principal streets.
- The first division of military will be under the command of General James R. Herbert, and will form on Broadway, west side, right resting on Canton avenue.
- The second division, composed of the delegates to the National Encampment, the Union Veteran Corps, of Washington, D. C.; the Fifth New York Zouaves, and the different Departments, will be under the command of General George S. Merrill, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and will form as follows: The Union Veteran Corps, Fifth New York Zouaves, and the Department of Maryland, on Lombard street, south side, right resting on Broadway. The other Departments, head of by Maine, on Broadway, east side, right resting on Baltimore street.
- The assignments in line and route of parade will be announced in future general orders.
- The entire line will be under the command of General Remy B. Ayres, U. S. A., and will be reviewed by the President of the United States at the City Hall.
- The following additional appointments on the Department staff are announced to be besides: Comrade Albert A. Hasson, Post 1; Comrade James M. Deems, Post 6, (on special duty as musical director). They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. By command of GRAHAM DUKEHART, Department Commander.

JOHN H. SUTTE, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

THE AFTERNOON PROCESSION

will be formed around the Battle Monument at 4 o'clock, and will consist of all the home and visiting Posts, who will march to Schutzen Park where interesting exercises will be held.

Tents for the accommodation of 5,000 persons will be pitched for those who desire to occupy them. During this (Wednesday) afternoon the delegates to the Encampment who will be debarked by their official duties from participating in the pleasures of the succeeding day will be taken down the bay by the Maryland Posts, to view the harbor, &c.

The incidents of Thursday will be highly interesting. The Encampment will convene at the Academy at 9 a. m., and will doubtless be in session the greater part of the day. The sessions will also be continued on Friday.

THE CITY'S ENTERTAINMENT.

At 2 p. m., on Thursday, the Mayor and City Council will take charge of every body who will be taken down the bay to view the harbor, after which they will proceed to Tivoli, a delightful resort on the Patuxent river, where the visitors will be officially entertained. Seven steamers have been engaged, and the water will be alive with craft of every character. The return will be after dark, when a magnificent display of fireworks on Federal Hill will be witnessed from the harbor.

A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.

Gen. Ross has issued the following, which explains itself:

The following is promulgated for the information of persons interested and for the general review of what is to be done and what is expected at the National Encampment at Baltimore.

The trunk lines and most of their connections have agreed to accept three-fifths of the regular limited rates from any point on their line to Baltimore and return, which is 60 per cent of the price of the regular limited ticket. All may calculate the round trip fare from New York, Baltimore and return by getting the price of a limited ticket from that point to Baltimore, double that figure and 60 per cent of the amount will be the price of a round trip ticket for uniformed comrades, and for ladies or immediate families. For instance, a limited ticket from Cincinnati to Baltimore is \$14.00—double it to return is \$28.00—60 per cent, is \$16.80, which is the Grand Army round trip fare for bands, militia and comrades in uniform with their ladies. Tickets will allow four (4) days in Baltimore. Round trip tickets will be sold under proper restrictions from all points reached by the Baltimore & Ohio, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, New York Central & Hudson River, New York, Lake Erie & Western, and the Pennsylvania Railroads, arrangements can probably be made to better advantage with connecting lines by local organizations, but where action is desired by this committee, it will be taken at once. Rates for their round trip will be as follows: Chicago, Ill., \$21.00; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$16.80; Columbus, Ohio, \$15.90; Cumberland, Md., \$6.00; Dayton, Ohio, \$16.80; Monroeville, Ohio, \$14.70; Pittsburgh, Pa., \$10.50; Sandusky, Ohio, \$14.70; St. Louis, Mo., \$25.20; Springfield, Ohio, \$16.80; Wheeling, W. Va., \$12.00; Indianapolis, Ind., \$19.20.

East of New York, N. Y., \$8.00; New York, \$6.00; Syracuse, N. Y., \$11.70; Rochester, \$11.14; Buffalo, N. Y., \$12.00; Elmira, N. Y., \$9.00; Washington, D. C., \$1.65; Williamsport, Pa., \$6.64; Sunbury, \$4.97; Harrisburg, \$3.52; Ft. Wayne, Ind., \$8.00; Cleveland, Ohio, \$12.30; Toledo, Ind., \$4.62.

From all points within 100 miles of Baltimore, two cents per mile each way. Enquire of your nearest ticket agent whether he has received his instructions, and do not put it off until the last moment.

The National Council of Administration meets at the Eutaw House at 3 p. m., Tuesday, 20th instant. The parade will take place on Wednesday morning, June 21st, at 10 o'clock, and the command of the Grand Army will be under the command of Gen. Remy B. Ayres, Col. Second U. S. Artillery and Major General commanding Second Division Fifth Army Corps, &c., will move at near 9 o'clock as practicable, and after being reviewed by the President of the United States and the Cabinet, will be dismissed at 12 m. The Military Division, comprising the Maryland militia, Fourteenth Brooklyn regiment, N. Y. S. M., Washington Light Infantry, National Capital City Guards, Washington Cadets, Richmond Blues, Old Dominion Guards, Parma Center Veterans, Alexandria Light Infantry, Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, Warren Light Infantry, Norfolk City Guards, and others, will be under Gen. Jas. R. Herbert, Major-General commanding the Maryland Militia. The Grand Army column comprising the Union Veteran Corps of Washington, D. C., Duryea's Veteran Association, and Posts and Delegations from each Department of the Grand Army will be under the command of Gen. S. M. Ross, with Department Commander Graham Dukehart, of Maryland, as Chief Marshal, to whom has been assigned all details of formation and parade. At four p. m., the Military and Posts will be reviewed by the President of the United States and the Cabinet, and will move off to the Schutzen Park, and move off as soon as they arrive on the ground under escort of a staff officer, to the Schutzen Park, which is within the city limits and about 14 miles from the place of the Encampment. The general reception by the Governor and Municipal authorities and the citizens of Baltimore will be held at this place about eight p. m. All kinds of amusements will be provided for the entertainment of visitors, and the improvement on army ration will be attempted by the Citizens' Committee. This reception and Entertainment will be provided by the citizens of Baltimore, and it is expected that 15,000 visitors will participate. After the review the Posts and Military will leave at the pleasure of their Commanding Officers. Tents will be pitched at this Park for those who prefer them to city quarters and will be free. Board can be obtained in the neighborhood at 21 p. m., but the arrangements for the night will be through a Post Committee, which will engage for a certain number, and for a certain number of days. Single meals will not be furnished. Each Post Committee must arrange for the arrival of an accommodation, and the Committee will receive the meal tickets and distribute them to the comrades of their Posts. The hotel proprietors require this so that they may know how many to prepare for and thus avoid disappointment and loss. The tents will be for occupation on Tuesday afternoon, 20th inst., and will be furnished with clean, dry straw. Comrades must furnish their own blankets and towels.

On Thursday, 22d inst., at two p. m., the Mayor and City Council will take all the visitors down the harbor, and after viewing the principal places of interest, including Fort Mifflin, the bombardment of which inspired Francis S. Key (who witnessed it from a British frigate) to compose our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," they will be launched at Tivoli, one of the pleasure resorts on the bay, and on their return to the city will be received with a display of fireworks from Fort Federal Hill, which was fired in 1861 by Duryea's Zouaves. The visitors will return to the city at nine p. m., and the festivities will end with a Grand Ball, at Schutzen Park, given in honor of the banners, coffee, cigars, and camp followers, at which it is expected that 20,000 persons will be present. Department will preside. Dancing to commence at 10 o'clock.

As the Commander-in-Chief will call the National Encampment together at 9 a. m., on Thursday morning, it will be desirable for the representatives to take part in that day's proceedings. The Department of Maryland will therefore escort the members of the Encampment on a short trip down the harbor on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, returning in time for the ceremonies at Schutzen Park. This will be exclusively for the members of the Encampment and their ladies.

The National Encampment will be held at the Academy of Music, on North Howard street.

The following headquarters are established: Commander-in-Chief, Eutaw House; Maine, Maltby House; New Hampshire, Maltby House; Vermont, Maltby House; Massachusetts, Eutaw House; California, Barnum's Hotel; Connecticut, Carrollton Hotel; Rhode Island, Carrollton Hotel; Pennsylvania, Carrollton Hotel; New York, Eutaw House; New Jersey, Carrollton Hotel; New York, Eutaw House; Delaware, Barnum's Hotel; Colorado, Carrollton Hotel; Potomac, Maltby House; Nebraska, Maltby House; Kansas, Maltby House; Michigan, Maltby House; West Virginia, Maltby House.

Post Commanders will please report immediately on arrival to their Department Headquarters for orders. Detachments and delegations will please do likewise, so that the Department Commander may know how many of his Department he can muster for parade and arrange for their admission to the several amusements.

It is impracticable in many instances for Departments to bring Posts to this Encampment, but there will be a great many comrades coming singly and in squads, and in delegations from Posts, and it is hoped that every comrade who comes, whether singly or in a party, will give a few hours on Wednesday to the honor and the glory of the Order, and if he is able to march at all, will fall in with his Department, and swell its numbers. We have promised the people of Baltimore and those who assemble here a great display of veteran soldiers. Commander Dukehart has arranged the line of march so that it will not be too fatiguing, our Committee has given the greatest attention to details, (as this exhaustive circular attests), and all we ask is the active co-operation of the several Department Commanders and all our comrades, in the parade of Wednesday morning to make this display the most imposing that has ever taken place since the war. 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